

## U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS BALTIMORE DISTRICT Raystown Lake Project

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## RAYSTOWN LAKE WAIVES BOAT LAUNCH FEE UNTIL MAY 1

Raystown Lake Operations Manager Dwight Beall reported today that the 2005 annual boat launching passes are scheduled to arrive in the next few weeks. Due to the late arrival of the annual passes, all launching fees are being waived at Raystown until May 1.

"We've excused the fees because we didn't feel it was fair for our visitors to pay the daily fee now when they plan to buy an annual pass," Beall said. "It's the Corps' responsibility the passes are late, so we'll give everyone the benefit of the doubt until May."

Beginning this year the pass will be valid for **12 months from date of purchase**. Duplicate passes will no longer be sold because the hanging pass may be used on any vehicle the pass holder owns.

Passes will continue to cost \$30 and are honored at all Corps of Engineers operated facilities across the nation. The pass is a hanging tag to be displayed from your vehicle's interior rear view mirror.

Everyone who had an annual pass last year will be sent a reminder letter in the mail in the next few weeks. That letter may be mailed back to the Raystown Lake Project to receive an annual pass. For those who prefer to pay as they go, daily launching fees will continue to be \$3 at the boat ramps beginning May 1, 2004.

Those who receive the notification letter and wish to purchase an annual pass should forward their notification letter to the Raystown address listed in that letter. Others can obtain a pass in person at the Raystown Visitor Center or by calling (814) 658-6809.